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**June 15, 2012****Contact:** NR -60-12-G  
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**916-327-8988****Free Rancho Cucamonga Small Business Tax Forum  
Helps Small Businesses Succeed**

**Sacramento** – If you own a small business or are thinking of starting one, a free Small Business Tax Forum on June 22 will provide the information you need to succeed. This helpful event is being hosted by Board of Equalization Vice Chair Michelle Steel, Second District Board of Equalization Member George Runner and Senator Bob Dutton.

The seminar will cover a variety of topics, including tax essentials for small businesses, small business consulting and resources, identity theft prevention and small business loan programs.

Representatives from the Board of Equalization, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, Small Business Administration and Small Business Development Center will be speaking.

**Event:** Small Business Tax Forum**Date:** Friday, June 22, 2012**Time:** 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. (check-in at 11:30 a.m.)**Place:** Goldy S. Lewis Community Center (at Central Park)  
Rancho Cucamonga Hall  
11200 Base Line Road  
Rancho Cucamonga, 91730  
(Free Parking)**Register:** Call 888-847-9652 or go online at: [www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/sbf.htm)

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as *Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate*. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel's decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

Elected in November 2010, George Runner represents the State Board of Equalization's Second District. He is a leading advocate for California taxpayers. Runner has worked to improve California's tax policies and practices and to create and retain more private sector jobs in our state. Prior to his election to the Board, Runner served twelve years in the State Legislature, authoring the well-known California Amber Alert and California's Blue Alert. As a thoughtful conservative, his legislative priorities included improving the economy, business growth, education excellence, and public safety for all Californians. As a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee, Runner consistently led the fight against tax increases and supported tax relief for families and businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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